

After Final Office Action of May 22, 2006

REMARKS

It is noted with appreciation that claims 1-8 and 11 have been allowed by the Examiner. Claim 9 has been provisionally rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-7 of co-pending application Serial No. 10/516,884 filed December 3, 2004. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

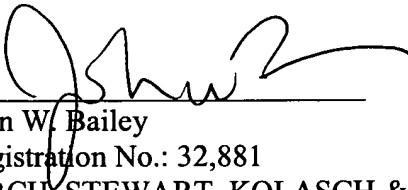
Although the Applicants disagree with the position taken by the Examiner in connection with the double patenting rejection, the Applicants are submitting herewith a Terminal Disclaimer whereby the double patenting rejection is eliminated.

Accordingly, in view of the filing of the Terminal Disclaimer it is now believed that all of the claims, that is, claims 1-9 and 11 of the present application are allowable and thus the present application is in condition for allowance. An early notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

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